

COMPLETIONS OF LEAVITT PATH ALGEBRAS

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ABSTRACT. We introduce a class of topologies on the Leavitt path algebra $L(\Gamma)$ of a finite directed graph and decompose a graded completion $\widehat{L}(\Gamma)$ as a direct sum of minimal ideals.

1. DEFINITIONS AND TERMINOLOGY

Let $\Gamma = (V, E, s, r)$ be a finite directed graph, that consists of two sets V and E , called vertices and edges respectively and two maps $s, r : E \rightarrow V$. The vertices $s(e)$ and $r(e)$ are referred to as the source and range of the edge e respectively.

A vertex v such that $s^{-1}(v) = \emptyset$ is called a sink. A path $p = e_1 \cdots e_n$ in a graph Γ is a sequence of edges e_1, \dots, e_n such that $r(e_i) = s(e_{i+1})$ for $i = 1, \dots, n-1$. We will refer to n as the length of the path p , $l(p) = n$. Vertices are viewed as paths of length 0. We say that the path p starts at the source $s(p) = s(e_1)$ and ends at the range $r(p) = r(e_n)$. The set of all paths of the graph Γ is denoted as $Path(\Gamma)$. If $s(p) = r(p)$ then we say that the path p is closed. If $p = e_1 \cdots e_n$ is a closed path of length ≥ 1 and the vertices $s(e_1), \dots, s(e_n)$ are distinct then we call the path p a cycle. Denote $V(p) = \{s(e_1), \dots, s(e_n)\}$, $E(p) = \{e_1, \dots, e_n\}$. An edge $e \in E$ is called an exit of a cycle C if $s(e) \in V(C)$, but $e \notin E(C)$.

If X, Y are nonempty subsets of the set V then we denote $E(X, Y) = \{e \in E \mid s(e) \in X, r(e) \in Y\}$, $Path(X, Y) = \{p \in Path(\Gamma) \mid s(p) \in X, r(p) \in Y\}$. A vertex

$w \in V$ is called a descendant of a vertex $v \in V$ if $Path(\{v\}, \{w\}) \neq \emptyset$.

A nonempty subset $W \subseteq V$ is said to be hereditary if for an arbitrary element $w \in W$ all descendants of w lie in W (see[A]).

Let F be a field. The Leavitt path algebra $L(\Gamma)$ is the F -algebra presented by the sets of generators $\{v \mid v \in V\}$, $\{e, e^* \mid e \in E\}$ and the set of relations (1) $v_i v_j = \delta_{ij} v_i$ for all $v_i, v_j \in V$; (2) $s(e)e = er(e) = e$, $r(e)e^* = e^*s(e) = e^*$ for all

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$e \in E$; (3) $e^*f = \delta_{e,f}r(e)$ for all $e, f \in E$; (4) $v = \sum_{s(e)=v} ee^*$ for an arbitrary vertex v which is not a sink, ([AA, AMP, A]).

The mapping $*$ which sends v to v for $v \in V$, e to e^* and e^* to e for $e \in E$, extends to an involution of the algebra $L(\Gamma)$.

2. TOPOLOGY ON $L(\Gamma)$

We call a mapping $\gamma : V \setminus \{\text{sinks}\} \rightarrow E$ a *specialization* if $s(\gamma(v)) = v$ for an arbitrary vertex $v \in V \setminus \{\text{sinks}\}$. Edges lying in the image $\gamma(V \setminus \{\text{sinks}\})$ are called special. For a specialization γ consider the set $B(\gamma)$ of the products pq^* , where $p = e_1 \cdots e_n$, $q = f_1 \cdots f_m$ are paths in Γ ; $e_i, f_j \in E$; $r(p) = r(q)$ and either $e_n \neq f_m$ or $e_n = f_m$, but this edge is not special.

In [AAJZ1] we proved that $B(\gamma)$ is a basis of the algebra $L(\Gamma)$.

We call a path $p = e_1 \cdots e_n$ of length $n \geq 1$ *special* if all edges e_1, \dots, e_n are special. For an arbitrary path $p = e_1 \cdots e_n$ let i be the minimal integer such that the path $e_{i+1} \cdots e_n$ is special. If the edge e_n is not special then $i = n$. Let $sd(p) = n - i$.

The algebra $L(\Gamma)$ is \mathbb{Z} -graded: $\deg(V) = 0$, $\deg(E) = 1$, and $\deg(E^*) = -1$.

Let $p, q \in \text{Path}(\Gamma)$. We say that the path p is a *beginning* of the path q and the path q is a *continuation* of the path p if there exists a path $q' \in \text{Path}(\Gamma)$ such that $q = pq'$.

Remark 1. We will often use the following straightforward fact: if $p, q \in \text{Path}(\Gamma)$ then $p^*q \neq 0$ if and only if one of the paths p, q is a continuation of the other one.

For nonnegative real numbers n, s, d consider the subspace $V_{n,s,d}$ of $L(\Gamma)$ F -spanned by all products pq^* such that $p, q \in \text{Path}(\Gamma)$, $l(p) + l(q) \geq n$, $sd(p) + sd(q) \leq s$, $|\deg(pq^*)| = |l(p) - l(q)| \leq d$.

Lemma 1. $V_{n_1,s_1,d_1} \cdot V_{n_2,s_2,d_2} \subseteq V_{\frac{1}{2}(n_1+n_2-d_1-d_2),s_1+s_2,d_1+d_2}$.

Proof. Let $p_i, q_i \in \text{Path}(\Gamma)$, $p_i q_i^* \in V_{n_i,s_i,d_i}$, $i = 1, 2$. Then $l(p_i) + l(q_i) \geq n_i$, $|l(p_i) - l(q_i)| \leq d_i$, which implies $l(p_i), l(q_i) \geq \frac{1}{2}(n_i - d_i)$. If $p_1 q_1^* p_2 q_2^* \neq 0$ then in view of the Remark 1 there exists a path $p'_2 \in \text{Path}(\Gamma)$ such that $p_2 = q_1 p'_2$ or there exists a path $q'_1 \in \text{Path}(\Gamma)$ such that $q_1 = p_2 q'_1$.

We will consider only the first case $p_2 = q_1 p'_2$. The second case is treated similarly. We have $p_1 q_1^* p_2 q_2^* = p_1 p'_2 q_2^*$. Clearly

$$l(p_1 p'_2) + l(q_2) \geq l(p_1) + l(q_2) \geq \frac{1}{2}(n_1 - d_1) + \frac{1}{2}(n_2 - d_2).$$

Furthermore, $sd(p_1 p'_2) + sd(q_2) \leq sd(p_1) + sd(p'_2) + sd(q_2) \leq s_1 + s_2$.

Finally, $\deg(p_1 q_1^* p_2 q_2^*) = \deg(p_1 q_2^*) + \deg(p_2 q_2^*)$, hence $|\deg(p_1 q_1^* p_2 q_2^*)| = |\deg(p_1 q_2^*) + \deg(p_2 q_2^*)| \leq d_1 + d_2$. This completes the proof of the Lemma. \square

Let $k \geq 1$. Let $V_k = \sum \{V_{n,s,d} \mid n \geq k(s+d+1)\}$. Clearly, $V_{k_1} \subset V_{k_2}$ for $k_1 \geq k_2$.

Lemma 2. *Let $k \geq 3$. Then $V_k V_k \subseteq V_{\frac{1}{2}(k-1)}$.*

Proof. Suppose that $n_i \geq k(s_i + d_i + 1)$, $i = 1, 2$. Then

$$V_{n_1, s_1, d_1} \cdot V_{n_2, s_2, d_2} \subseteq V_{\frac{1}{2}(n_1 + n_2 - d_1 - d_2), s_1 + s_2, d_1 + d_2}.$$

We have $\frac{1}{2}(n_1 + n_2 - d_1 - d_2) \geq \frac{1}{2}(n_1 + n_2 - d_1 - d_2 - s_1 - s_2) > \frac{1}{2}(k-1)(s_1 + s_2 + d_1 + d_2)$. \square

Lemma 3. *For an arbitrary element $a \in L(\Gamma)$, an arbitrary $k \geq 1$ there exists $k' \geq 1$ such that $aV_{k'} + V_{k'}a \subseteq V_k$.*

Proof. Without loss of generality we can assume that $a = pq^*$, where p, q are paths. Then $a \in V_{n_0, s_0, d_0}$, $n_0 = l(p) + l(q)$, $s_0 = sd(p) + sd(q)$, $d_0 = |\deg(a)|$.

Let $n \geq 0, s \geq 0, d \geq 0$. By Lemma 1 we have $V_{n_0, s_0, d_0} V_{n, s, d} \subseteq V_{\frac{1}{2}(n + n_0 - d - d_0), s + s_0, d + d_0}$. For the right hand side to lie in V_k it is sufficient to have $\frac{1}{2}(n - (s + d) + n_0 - d_0) \geq k(s + d + s_0 + d_0 + 1)$ or, equivalently $\frac{1}{2}(n - (s + d)) \geq k(s + d) + c$, where $c = k(s_0 + d_0 + 1) - \frac{1}{2}(n_0 - d_0)$.

If $n \geq k'(s + d + 1)$, then $\frac{1}{2}(n - (s + d)) \geq \frac{1}{2}(k' - 1)(s + d) + \frac{1}{2}k'$. Hence, for $k' \geq \max\{2k + 1, 2c\}$ the inclusion of the Lemma holds. \square

Lemma 4. $\bigcap_{k \geq 1} V_k = (0)$.

Proof. Recall that the basis $B(\gamma)$ of the algebra $L(\Gamma)$ that corresponds to the specialization γ consists of products pq^* , where $p = e_1 \cdots e_n, q = f_1 \cdots f_m \in \text{Path}(\Gamma)$; $e_i, f_j \in E$; $r(p) = r(q)$ and either $e_n \neq f_m$ or $e_n = f_m$, but this edge is not special.

Let $V_{(n)}$ denote the F -algebra of all products $pq^* \in B(\gamma)$ such that $l(p) + l(q) \geq n$.

Clearly, $\bigcap_{n \geq 1} V_{(n)} = (0)$. It is easy to see that $V_{n,d,s} \subseteq V_{(n-s)}$. Hence $V_k \subseteq V_{(k)}$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z}, k \geq 1$, which implies the assertion of the Lemma. \square

The subspaces $\{V_k\}_{k \geq 1}$ form a basis of neighborhoods of 0 in $L(\Gamma)$ and define a topology. By Lemmas 2, 3 this topology is compatible with the algebra structure. Let $\overline{L(\Gamma)}$ be the completion of the topological algebra $L(\Gamma)$. Let $\overline{L(\Gamma)}_i$ denote the completion of the homogeneous component $L(\Gamma)_i$ of degree i in the algebra $\overline{L(\Gamma)}$. The main focus of this paper will be on the completion $\widehat{L}(\Gamma) = \sum_{i \in \mathbb{Z}} \overline{L(\Gamma)}_i$.

Example 1. Let $\Gamma = \begin{array}{c} \circlearrowright^c \\ v \end{array}$ be a loop. The only edge c is special. Hence $V_k = (0)$ for $k \geq 1$. The topology is discrete.

Example 2. Let $\Gamma = \begin{array}{c} \circlearrowright^c \\ v \\ \downarrow e \\ w \end{array}$. The Leavitt path algebra $L(\Gamma)$ is the so called algebraic Toplitz algebra. It is isomorphic to the Jacobson algebra [J]. Let I be the ideal of $L(\Gamma)$ generated by the vertex w . Then I is isomorphic to the algebra of finitary (having finitely many nonzero entries) infinite matrices $M_\infty(F)$ and $(0) \rightarrow M_\infty(F) \rightarrow L(\Gamma) \rightarrow F[t^{-1}, t] \rightarrow (0)$ is the nonsplit extension (see [SM, AAZ2]). Let e be the special edge. The graded completion $\widehat{L}(\Gamma)$ is isomorphic to the algebra of infinite (not necessarily finitary) matrices having finitely many nonzero diagonals, $\widehat{L}(\Gamma) = \{(a_{ij})_{i,j \geq 1} \mid a_{ij} \in F, \text{ there exists } d \geq 1 \text{ such that } a_{ij} = 0 \text{ whenever } |i - j| > d\}$.

Lemma 5. Let $k \geq 2$. Let a be an element from V_k and let $a = \sum_i \alpha_i a_i$ be the presentation of a as a linear combination of basic elements $a_i \in B(\gamma)$, $\alpha_i \in F$. Then all the elements a_i lie in V_{k-1} .

Proof. Without loss of generality we will assume that $a = pq^*$; $p, q \in \text{Path}(\Gamma)$, $r(p) = r(q)$, $l(p) + l(q) \geq k(sd(p) + sd(q) + \deg(pq^*) + 1)$. The presentation $a = \sum_i \alpha_i a_i$ is obtained by the Groebner-Shirshov algorithm (see [BC, AAJZ1]). All the basic elements a_i are of the types $a_i = p_i q_i^*$, where $p_i, q_i \in \text{Path}(\Gamma)$, $l(p_i) = l(p) - r$, $l(q_i) = l(q) - r$, $\deg(p_i q_i^*) = \deg(pq^*)$. Now, $l(p_i) + l(q_i) = l(p) + l(q) - 2r \geq k(sd(p_i) + sd(q_i) + 2r + \deg(p_i q_i^*) + 1) - 2r \geq (k-1)(sd(p_i) + sd(q_i) + \deg(p_i q_i^*) + 1)$, which finishes the proof of the Lemma. \square

Lemma 6. $B(\gamma)$ is a topological basis of the algebra $\widehat{L}(\Gamma)$, i.e. an arbitrary element of $\widehat{L}(\Gamma)$ can be uniquely represented as a converging series $\sum_{b \in B(\gamma)} \alpha_b b$, $\alpha_b \in F$.

Proof. An arbitrary element of $\widehat{L}(\Gamma)$ can be represented as a converging sum $\sum_{i \in \Omega} a_i$, where $\{a_i \in L(\Gamma), i \in \Omega\}$ is a Cauchy set. In other words for an arbitrary $k \geq 1$ the set $\{i \in \Omega \mid a_i \notin V_k\}$ is finite. Let $a_i = \sum_j \alpha_{ij} a_{ij}$, $1 \leq j \leq t_i$, be the decomposition of a_i as a linear combination of distinct basic elements from $B(\gamma)$, $\alpha_{ij} \neq 0$, $a_{ij} \in B(\gamma)$. From Lemma 5 it follows that $\{a_{ij}, i \in \Omega, 1 \leq j \leq t_i\}$ is also a Cauchy set. Hence $\sum a_i = \sum \alpha_{ij} a_{ij}$.

Let $\sum \alpha_b b = 0$, $\alpha_b \in F$, $b \in B(\gamma)$. Suppose that $\alpha_{b_0} \neq 0$ and $b_0 \notin V_k$. Then by Lemma 5 any finite subsum of $\sum \alpha_b b$, containing $\alpha_{b_0} b_0$, does not belong to V_{k+1} , a contradiction. This completes the proof of Lemma. \square

We will need another general statement about sums in $\widehat{L}(\Gamma)$. Consider a nonzero converging sum $a = \sum_{i \in \Omega} a_i \in \widehat{L}(\Gamma)$, $a_i \in L(\Gamma)$. We say that the sum is *reduced* if for any arbitrary nonempty subset $\Omega' \subset \Omega$ we have $\sum_{i \in \Omega'} a_i \neq 0$.

Lemma 7. For an arbitrary nonzero converging sum $a = \sum_{i \in \Omega} a_i$, $a_i \in L(\Gamma)$, there exists a nonempty subset $\Omega' \subset \Omega$ such that $a = \sum_{i \in \Omega'} a_i$ and this sum is reduced.

Proof. Let $\Omega_1 \subset \Omega_2 \subset \dots$ be an ascending chain of subsets of Ω such that $\sum_{i \in \Omega_k} a_i = 0$ for each k . Denote $\tilde{\Omega} = \cup_k \Omega_k$.

We claim that $\sum_{i \in \Omega} a_i = 0$. Indeed, since the sum $\sum_{i \in \Omega} a_i$ is convergent it follows that for an arbitrary $t \geq 1$ the set $\{i \in \Omega \mid a_i \notin V_t\}$ is finite. Hence there exists $k \geq 1$ such that $a_i \in V_t$ for any $i \in \tilde{\Omega} \setminus \Omega_k$.

Now, $\sum_{i \in \tilde{\Omega}} a_i = \sum_{i \in \Omega_k} a_i + \sum_{i \in \tilde{\Omega} \setminus \Omega_k} a_i \in \overline{V}_t$. This implies that $\sum_{i \in \tilde{\Omega}} a_i \in \cap_{t \geq 1} \overline{V}_t = (0)$.

By Zorn's Lemma there exists a maximal subset $\Omega_{max} \subset \Omega$ such that $\sum_{i \in \Omega_{max}} a_i = 0$.

Let $\Omega' = \Omega \setminus \Omega_{max}$. Then $a = \sum_{i \in \Omega'} a_i$ and this sum is reduced. \square

3. CENTRAL IDEMPOTENTS IN $\widehat{L}(\Gamma)$

Lemma 8. Let $p = e_1 \cdots e_n$ be a special path and $r(e_n) \notin \{s(e_1), \dots, s(e_n)\}$. Then $n \leq |V|$.

Proof. If $n > |V|$ then some vertex on p appears at least twice and this vertex is not $r(e_n)$. Hence, a subpath p_1 of p is a cycle. Since $r(e_n)$ does not lie in $V(p_1)$ it follows that some exit from the cycle p_1 is special. But this is impossible since for every non-sink vertex v only one edge from $s^{-1}(v)$ is special. \square

Definition 1. Let $W \subset V$ be a nonempty subset. We say that a path $p = e_1 \cdots e_n$, $e_i \in E$, is an *arrival path* in W if $r(p) \in W$, and $\{s(e_1), \dots, s(e_n)\} \not\subseteq W$. In other words, $r(p)$ is the first vertex on p that lies in W . In particular, every vertex $w \in W$, viewed as a path of zero length, is an arrival path in W . Let $Arr(W)$ be the set of all arrival paths in W .

Lemma 9. *The set $\{pp^* \mid p \in Arr(W)\}$ is a Cauchy set.*

Proof. We need to check that for an arbitrary $k \geq 1$ the set $\{pp^* \mid p \in Arr(W)\} \setminus V_k$ is finite. If p is an arrival path in W , then by Lemma 8 $sd(pp^*) \leq 2|V|$, $d(pp^*) = 0$. Hence $\{pp^* \mid p \in Arr(W)\} \setminus V_k \subseteq \{pp^* \mid l(p) < k(|V| + \frac{1}{2})\}$. Clearly, it is a finite set, which completes the proof. \square

$$\text{Denote } e(W) = \sum_{p \in Arr(W)} pp^* \in \widehat{L}(\Gamma).$$

Lemma 10. *If W is a hereditary set, then $e(W)$ is a central idempotent in $\widehat{L}(\Gamma)$.*

Proof. If a, b are distinct elements from $\{pp^* \mid p \in Arr(W)\}$ then $ab = ba$ by Remark 1. Hence, $e(W)$ is a sum (possibly infinite) of pairwise orthogonal idempotents. Hence $e(W)$ is an idempotent. Since $L(\Gamma)$ is dense in $\widehat{L}(\Gamma)$ it is sufficient to show that $e(W)$ commutes with all vertices and all edges of Γ . For a vertex $v \in V$ let $Arr(v, W) = \{p \in Arr(W) \mid s(p) = v\}$. If $w \in W$ then $Arr(w, W) = \{w\}$. It is easy to see that $v.e(W) = e(W).v = \sum_{p \in Arr(v, W)} pp^*$. Let $e \in E$. We will consider 3 cases:

Case 1. $r(e) \notin W$. Then $e \sum_{p \in Arr(W)} pp^* = e \sum_{p \in Arr(r(e), W)} pp^*$; $\sum_{p \in Arr(W)} pp^* e = \sum \{pp^* e \mid p \in Arr(W), \text{ the first edge of } p \text{ is } e\}$. It is easy to see that these two sums are equal.

Case 2. $r(e) \in W$, $s(e) \notin W$. Then $e \in Arr(W)$. We have $e \sum_{p \in Arr(W)} pp^* = er(e)r(e)^* = e$; $\sum_{p \in Arr(W)} pp^* e = ee^*e = e$.

Case 3. $r(e) \in W$, $s(e) \in W$. In this case we again have $e \sum_{p \in Arr(W)} pp^* = e$; $\sum_{p \in Arr(W)} pp^* e = s(e)s(e)^*e = e$. \square

4. FRAMES

Let W a nonempty subset of V . We will define a graph $\Gamma^W = (V', E')$ as follows:

$V' = (V \setminus W) \cup \{w\}$, where w is a new vertex, not belonging to V ; for two vertices $v_1, v_2 \in V \setminus W$, the set of edges $E'(\{v_1\}, \{v_2\})$ is identified with $E(\{v_1\}, \{v_2\})$; the set of edges $E'(\{v_1\}, \{w\})$ is identified with $E(\{v_1\}, W)$. For an edge $e \in E(\{v_1\}, W)$ and its image e' in $E'(\{v_1\}, \{w\})$ we will say that e' is the edge e redirected to w .

Remark 2. Since all edges $E(W, V \setminus W)$ are ignored, the vertex w is a sink in Γ^W .

Lemma 11. *Let $\Gamma = (V, E)$ be a finite graph with a sink v which is a descendant of every vertex in V . Then there exists a specialization $\gamma : V \setminus \{v\} \rightarrow E$, such that the set of all special paths in Γ is finite.*

Proof. Let $v_1, \dots, v_k \in V$ be vertices such that $E(\{v_i\}, \{v\}) \neq \emptyset$. In each set $E(\{v_i\}, \{v\})$ choose one edge and declare it special. All other edges coming out of v_1, \dots, v_k are not special. Consider the graph $\Gamma' = \Gamma^{\{v_1, \dots, v_k, v\}} = (V', E')$, $V' = (V \setminus \{v_1, \dots, v_k\}) \cup \{w\}$. Since v is a descendant of an arbitrary vertex in V it follows that v is the only sink in Γ . Similarly, w is a descendant of an arbitrary vertex in V' , hence, w is the only sink in Γ' . Since $|V'| < |V|$ by the induction assumption there exists a specialization $\gamma' : V' \setminus \{w\} \rightarrow E'$ such that the set of special paths in Γ' is finite. Now we are ready to construct the specialization $\gamma : V \setminus \{v\} \rightarrow E$. Choose a vertex $u \in V \setminus \{v_1, \dots, v_k, v\}$ and let $\gamma'(u) = e' \in E'$. If $r(e') \neq w$ then $e' \in E(V \setminus \{v_1, \dots, v_k, v\}, V \setminus \{v_1, \dots, v_k, v\})$ and we define $\gamma(u) = e'$. Now let $r(e') = w$. It means that there was an edge $u \xrightarrow{e} v_i$, $1 \leq i \leq k$, that was redirected to $u \xrightarrow{e'} w$. We let $\gamma(u) = e$. If $u \in \{v_1, \dots, v_k\}$ then at the beginning of the proof we chose a special edge $u \rightarrow v$. We claim that with the specialization γ defined above there are finitely many special paths in Γ .

If not, then Γ contains a special cycle. This cycle can not involve any of the vertices v_1, \dots, v_k , since special edges from v_1, \dots, v_k lead to v , a sink. Hence this cycle lies in Γ' , which contradicts the induction assumption. This proves the Lemma. \square

Let W be a minimal hereditary subset of V . Then for any two vertices $w_1, w_2 \in W$ the vertex w_2 is a descendant of w_1 . Indeed, the set of all descendants of w_1 is a hereditary subset of V . In view of minimality of W it contains W . It implies that for any two minimal hereditary subset W_1, W_2 either $W_1 = W_2$ or $W_1 \cap W_2 = \emptyset$.

Let W_1, \dots, W_k be all distinct minimal hereditary subsets of V . We will call the subsets W_1, \dots, W_k the *frame* of Γ .

Lemma 12. *Every vertex of Γ has a descendant in $\bigcup_{i=1}^k W_i$.*

Proof. The set of all vertices that do not have a descendant in $\bigcup_{i=1}^k W_i$ is hereditary. If nonempty, then it contains one of the subsets W_1, \dots, W_k , a contradiction. This proves the Lemma. \square

Lemma 13. *There exists a specialization $\gamma : V \setminus \{\text{sinks}\} \rightarrow E$ such that the set of all special paths $p = e_1 \cdots e_n$ with $s(e_1), \dots, s(e_n) \notin \bigcup_{i=1}^k W_i$ is finite.*

Proof. Consider the graph $\Gamma' = \Gamma^{W_1 \cup \dots \cup W_k} = (V', E')$, $V' = (V \setminus (\bigcup_{i=1}^k W_i)) \cup \{w\}$. This graph contains a sink w , which is a descendant of all vertices in V' by Lemma 12. By Lemma 11 there exist a specialization $\gamma' : V' \setminus \{w\} \rightarrow E'$ such that the set of all special paths in Γ' is finite.

Let's define a specialization $\gamma : V \setminus \{\text{sinks}\} \rightarrow E$. For non-sinks from $\bigcup_{i=1}^k W_i$ define γ arbitrarily. Choose a vertex $u \in V \setminus (\bigcup_{i=1}^k W_i)$. Clearly, u is not a sink in Γ' . If $r(\gamma'(u)) \neq w$ then we let $\gamma(u) = \gamma'(u)$. If $r(\gamma'(u)) = w$ then $\gamma'(u)$ has been redirected from some edge $e \in E$, $s(e) = u$, $r(e) \in \bigcup_{i=1}^k W_i$. Let $\gamma(u) = e$. If $p = e_1 \cdots e_n$ is a special path in Γ such that $s(e_1), \dots, s(e_n) \in V \setminus (\bigcup_{i=1}^k W_i)$ then p can be viewed as a special path in Γ' . Since there are finitely many such paths, this completes the proof of the Lemma. \square

From now on we will talk only about specializations that satisfy the condition of Lemma 13.

Lemma 14. *Let $W' \subset W'' \subset V$ be hereditary subsets such that every vertex from W'' has a descendant in W' . Then $e(W') = e(W'')$.*

Proof. Let W_1, \dots, W_k be the frame of the graph Γ . Let $\gamma : V \setminus \{\text{sinks}\} \rightarrow E$ be a specialization that satisfies the condition of Lemma 13.

Since every vertex in W'' has a descendant in W' it follows that for an arbitrary minimal hereditary subset W_i either $W_i \cap W'' = \emptyset$ or $W_i \subseteq W'$. Choose a vertex $v \in W'' \setminus W'$. As above we denote $Arr(v, W') = \{p \in Arr(W') \mid s(p) = v\}$. We claim that $v = \sum_{p \in Arr(v, W')} pp^*$. To prove this equality we will define a sequence of finite sets of paths P_0, P_1, \dots . Let $P_0 = \{v\}$. If P_n has been constructed then P_{n+1} is defined in the following way. Let $p \in P_n$. If $r(p) \in W'$ then $p \in P_{n+1}$. Let $r(p) \in W'' \setminus W'$. Then $r(p)$ is not a sink (the set $W'' \setminus W'$ does not contain sinks). Let e_1, \dots, e_q be all edges with the source at $r(p)$. Then $pe_1, \dots, pe_q \in P_{n+1}$.

Thus $P_{n+1} = \{p \in P_n, r(p) \in W'\} \dot{\cup} \{pe \mid p \in P_n, r(p) \in W'' \setminus W', s(e) = r(p)\}$. For an arbitrary $n \geq 0$ we have $v = \sum_{p \in P_n} pp^*$. If $p \in P_n$ and $r(p) \in W'$ then p is an arrival path in W' . By Lemma 10 all $sd(p), p \in \bigcup_{n \geq 0} P_n$, are uniformly bounded from above. Hence $\sum_{p \in P_n \setminus Arr(W')} pp^* \rightarrow 0$. It follows that

$$v = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{p \in P_n \cap Arr(W')} pp^* = \sum_{p \in Arr(v, W')} pp^*.$$

Now,

$$e(W') = \sum_{p \in Arr(W')} p \left(\sum_{p_1 \in Arr(r(p), W')} p_1 p_1^* \right) p^* = \sum_{p \in Arr(W'')} pp^* = e(W'').$$

□

Let W be a nonempty hereditary subset of V . Let $W^\perp \subset V$ consist of those vertices which do not have descendants in W . Clearly, W^\perp is a hereditary subset of V .

Lemma 15. *The idempotents $e(W), e(W^\perp)$ are orthogonal and $e(W) + e(W^\perp) = 1$ (if $W^\perp = \emptyset$ then we let $e(W^\perp) = 0$.)*

Proof. If p, q are arrival paths to W, W^\perp respectively then none of them is a continuation of the other one. Hence $p^*q = q^*p = 0$. It implies that $e(W)e(W^\perp) = e(W^\perp)e(W) = 0$.

An arbitrary vertex from V has a descendant in $W \cup W^\perp$. Indeed, if $v \in V$ and v does not have descendants in W then $v \in W^\perp$. By Lemma 14, $e(W) + e(W^\perp) = e(W \cup W^\perp) = e(V) = 1$. This finishes the proof of the Lemma. □

Corollary 1. $e(W) = e((W^\perp)^\perp)$.

Lemma 16. $(W^\perp)^\perp$ is the largest hereditary subset of V such that every vertex of it has a descendant in W .

Proof. Since $(W^\perp)^\perp \cap W^\perp = \emptyset$ we conclude that every vertex from $(W^\perp)^\perp$ has a descendant in W . Now let $U \subseteq V$ be a nonempty hereditary subset such that every vertex from U has a descendant in W . In order to prove $V \subseteq (W^\perp)^\perp$ we need to show that no vertex $u \in U$ can have a descendant in W^\perp . Let v be a descendant of the vertex u that lies in W^\perp . Since U is hereditary it follows that $v \in U$. Hence, v has a descendant in W . It contradicts the inclusion $v \in W^\perp$ and completes the proof. □

The closed ideal of the algebra $\widehat{L}(\Gamma)$ generated by the hereditary subset $W \subset V$ consists of (possibly infinite) converging sums $\sum \alpha_{pq}pq^*$, where $\alpha_{pq} \in F; p, q \in \text{Path}(\Gamma), r(p) = r(q) \in W$. We will denote this ideal as $I(W)$.

Lemma 17. $I(W) = e(W)\widehat{L}(\Gamma)$.

Proof. For an arbitrary vertex $w \in W$ we have $w = we(W)$. Hence $W \subset e(W)\widehat{L}(\Gamma)$ and $I(W) \subseteq e(W)\widehat{L}(\Gamma)$. The inclusion $e(W) \in I(W)$ follows from the fact that every arrival path in W ends with a vertex from W . This finishes the proof of the Lemma. \square

Lemma 17 implies that the ideal $I(W)$ is a direct summed of the algebra $\widehat{L}(\Gamma) = I(W) \oplus I(W^\perp)$ and that $\widehat{L}(\Gamma) = I(W_1) \oplus \cdots \oplus I(W_k)$. Now our aim is to decompose $\widehat{L}(\Gamma)$ as a direct sum of minimal ideals.

5. COMPLETIONS OF SIMPLE LEAVITT PATH ALGEBRAS AND THE IDEALS $I(W_i)$.

Recall that $\gamma : V \rightarrow E$ is a fixed specialization of the algebra Γ . If W is a hereditary subset of V then $\gamma(W) \subseteq E(W, W)$.

For a vertex $v \in V$ define a special path $g_v(n)$ inductively. Let $g_v(0) = v$. If $r(g_v(n))$ is not a sink then $g_v(n+1) = g_v(n)\gamma(r(g_v(n)))$. If $r(g_v(n))$ is a sink then $g_v(n+1) = g_v(n)$.

Lemma 18. $\{g_v(n)g_v(n)^*, n \geq 0\}$ is a Cauchy set.

Proof. For a vertex $v \in V$ let $\mathcal{E}(v)$ denote the set of all non special edges e with $s(e) = v$. Then

$$g_v(n+1)g_v(n+1)^* = g_v(n)g_v(n)^* - \sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}(r(g_v(n)))} g_v(n)ee^*g_v(n)^*,$$

which implies $g_v(n+1)g_v(n+1)^* - g_v(n)g_v(n)^* \in V_{2(n+1)}$. \square

Let $e_v = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g_v(n)g_v(n)^*$.

Lemma 19. (1) e_v is a non zero idempotent, (2) if $v \neq w$ then e_v, e_w are orthogonal, (3) if e is a non special edge from $E(v, V)$ then $e_v e = 0$; if $e = \gamma(v)$ then $e_v e = ee_w$, where $w = r(e)$.

Proof. For an arbitrary $n \geq 1$ the element $g_v(n)g_v(n)^*$ is an idempotent. Hence the limit e_v is an idempotent as well. Let us show that $e_v \neq 0$. Indeed, denote $v_n = r(g_v(n)), v_0 = v$. Then

$$g_v(n)g_v(n)^* = v - \sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}(v_i)} g_v(i)ee^*g_v(i)^*.$$

Hence, $e_v = v - \sum_{k \geq 1} a_k$, where $a_k = g_v(k) \left(\sum_{e \in \mathcal{E}(v_k)} ee^* \right) g_v(k)^* \rightarrow 0$ as $k \rightarrow \infty$. Since

$B(\gamma)$ is a topological basis of $\widehat{L}(\Gamma)$ by Lemma 6, it implies that $e_v \neq 0$.

For distinct vertices $v, w \in V$ we have $e_v e_w = 0$ since $e_v \in v\widehat{L}(\Gamma)v$.

If $e \in E(v, V)$ and e is not special then $e_v e = 0$ since $g_v(n)^* e = 0$ for $n \geq 1$.

If $e = \gamma(v)$ then $g_v(n)^* e = g_w(n-1)^*$, where $w = r(e)$. Hence, $g_v(n)g_v(n)^* e = eg_w(n-1)g_w(n-1)^*$. This finishes the proof of the Lemma. \square

Consider the graph $(V, \gamma(V))$ with the set of vertices V and the set of edges $\gamma(V)$. Let $\tilde{\gamma}(V)$ be the set $\gamma(V)$ with all edges having lost their directions, $(V, \tilde{\gamma}(V))$ is the corresponding not directed graph.

We say that a vertex w is a special descendant of a vertex v if there exists a special path p in Γ such that $s(p) = v, r(p) = w$.

Lemma 20. *Vertices $v, w \in V$ are connected in $(V, \tilde{\gamma}(V))$ if and only if they have a common special descendant in Γ .*

Proof. Let $p = \tilde{e}_1 \cdots \tilde{e}_n$ be a geodesic path in $(V, \tilde{\gamma}(V))$ connecting v and w ; $e_1, \dots, e_n \in \gamma(V)$. The (undirected) edge \tilde{e}_1 connects $v_1 = v$ with a vertex v_2 , the edge \tilde{e}_2 connects v_2 with v_3 , and so on. All the vertices $v_1 = v, v_2, \dots, v_{n+1} = w$ are distinct. If $v_1 \rightarrow v_2$, then v_2 and w have a common special descendant in Γ as the distance between them in $(V, \tilde{\gamma}(V))$ is $n-1$. Hence v_1, w have a common special descendant. Let $v_1 \leftarrow v_2$. Since there is a unique special edge in Γ with the source v_2 it follows that $v_2 \leftarrow v_3$ and similarly $v_3 \leftarrow v_4 \leftarrow \dots \leftarrow v_n \leftarrow w$. Now v is a special descendant of w which finishes the proof of the Lemma. \square

Lemma 21. (1) *If vertices $v, w \in V$ are connected in $(V, \tilde{\gamma}(V))$ then e_v, e_w generate the same closed ideal in $\widehat{L}(\Gamma)$;*

(2). *If $v, w \in V$ are not connected in $(V, \tilde{\gamma}(V))$ then $e_v \widehat{L}(\Gamma) e_w = (0)$.*

Proof. Let vertices $v, w \in V$ be connected in $(V, \tilde{\gamma}(V))$. Without loss of generality we can assume that there is a special edge $e \in \gamma(V)$ such that $v \rightarrow w$ or $v \leftarrow w$. In the first case $e_w = e^* e_v e$ by Lemma 19(3). In the second case $e_w = e e_v e^*$. In both cases e_w lies in the ideal generated e_v , which proves the claim (1).

Now let v, w lie in different connected components of $(V, \tilde{\gamma}(V))$. Since $L(\Gamma)$ is dense in $\widehat{L}(\Gamma)$ it is sufficient to prove that $e_v L(\Gamma) e_w = (0)$. Let $p, q \in \text{Path}(\Gamma), r(p) = r(q), s(p) = v, s(q) = w$. We need to show that $e_v p q^* e_w = 0$. If p is not a special path then $e_v p = 0$ by Lemma 19 (3) and similarly $q^* e_w = 0$ if the path q is not

special. If both paths p, q are special then Lemma 19(3) implies $e_v p = p e_{r(p)}, q^* e_w = e_{r(q)} q^*, r(p) \neq r(q)$. Hence v, w do not have a common special descendant. Hence $e_v p q^* e_w = p e_{r(p)} e_{r(q)} q^* = 0$, which finishes the proof. \square

Lemma 22. *Let I be a non zero closed graded ideal of $\widehat{L}(\Gamma)$. Then $I_0 = I \cap \widehat{L}(\Gamma)_0 \neq (0)$.*

Proof. Choose a nonzero homogenous element $a \in I$. Without loss of generality we can assume that there exist vertices $v, w \in V$ such that $a = vaw$. If $\deg(a) = 0$ then we are done. Suppose that $\deg(a) = d \geq 1$.

The vertex v can be represented as $v = \sum_i p_i p_i^*$, where $p_i \in \text{Path}(\Gamma)$ and for an arbitrary i either $l(p_i) = d$ or $l(p_i) < d$ and $r(p_i)$ is a sink. Let $a = \sum \alpha_{p,q} p q^*, \alpha_{p,q} \in$

$F; p, q \in \text{Path}(\Gamma); r(p) = r(q); \deg(p q^*) = d$ for every p, q . From $\deg(p q^*) = d \geq 1$ it follows that $l(p) = d + l(q) \geq d$ for each summed d .

Suppose that $l(p_i) < d, r(p_i)$ is a sink and nevertheless $p_i p_i^* p q^* \neq 0$. The path p can not be a continuation of the path p_i since $l(p_i) < l(p)$ and $r(p_i)$ is a sink. The path p_i can not be continuation of path p since $l(p) \geq d > l(p_i)$, a contradiction.

Hence, for all $p_i p_i^*$ such that $l(p_i) < d$, we have $p_i p_i^* a = 0$. This implies $a \in \widehat{L}(\Gamma_d) \widehat{L}(\Gamma_{-d}) a \subseteq \widehat{L}(\Gamma_d) I_0$. The case $\deg(a) \leq -1$ is treated similarly. \square

Lemma 23. *Let W be a nonempty hereditary subset of V and let J be a nonzero closed graded of $\widehat{L}(\Gamma)$ such that $J \subseteq I(W)$. Then there exists a vertex $w \in W$ such that $e_w \in J$.*

Proof. By Lemma 22 the space J_0 contains a nonzero element $a = \sum \alpha_{p,q} p q^*, l(p) = l(q), r(p) = r(q) \in w$. By Lemma 7 we can assume that the sum is reduced. Denote $\mathcal{P} = \{(p, q) \in \text{Path}(\Gamma) \times \text{Path}(\Gamma) \mid \alpha_{p,q} \neq 0\}$. Choose $(p_0, q_0) \in \mathcal{P}$ with minimal length $l(p_0)$. Let $r(p_0) = v \in W$.

Let $\mathcal{P}(p_0, q_0) = \{(p, q) \in \mathcal{P} \mid p \text{ and } q \text{ are proper continuations of paths } p_0, q_0 \text{ respectively}\}$, $\mathcal{P}'(p_0, q_0) = \{(p, q) \in \text{Path}(\Gamma) \times \text{Path}(\Gamma) \mid (p_0 p, q_0 q) \in \mathcal{P}(p_0, q_0)\}$.

Then $a' = p_0^* a q_0 = \alpha_{p_0, q_0} v + \sum_{(p,q) \in \mathcal{P}'(p_0, q_0)} \alpha_{p,q} p q^*$ and $p_0 a' q_0^* = \alpha_{p_0, q_0} p_0 q_0^* + \sum_{(p,q) \in \mathcal{P}(p_0, q_0)} \alpha_{p,q} p q^* \neq 0$, since the sum is reduced. Hence, $a' \neq 0$.

Remark, that $a' = v a' v$.

Rewriting each summed pq^* , $(p, q) \in \mathcal{P}'(p_0, q_0)$, as a linear combination of basic elements from $B(\gamma)$ and using Lemmas 5, 6 we get $a' = \sum \beta_{p,q} pq^*$, where $\beta_{p,q} \in F$, $l(p) = l(q)$, $s(p) = s(q) = v$, $pq^* \in B(\gamma)$ for each summed and the sum is reduced. Remark that since the subset W is hereditary it follows that $r(p) = r(q) \in W$ for each summed. As we did before choose a summand $p'_0 q'_0{}^*$ with minimal $l(p'_0)$. If $p = p'_0 p'$, $q = q'_0 q'$ and $pq^* \in B(\gamma)$ then $p'q'^* \in B(\gamma)$ as well. Now, $b = \frac{1}{\beta_{p'_0 p'}} p'_0{}^* a' q'_0 = w + \sum \mu_{p,q} pq^*$ is a nonzero element from J_0 , $s(p) = s(q) = w$, $l(p) = l(q) \geq 1$, $pq^* \in B(\gamma)$ for each summand.

Since the sum $\sum \mu_{p,q} pq^*$ is convergent it follows that the set $\{(p, q) \in \text{Path}(\gamma) \times \text{Path}(\gamma) \mid \mu_{p,q} \neq 0, pq^* \notin V_2\}$ is finite.

If $pq^* \in V_2$ then $2l(p) \geq 2(sd(p) + sd(q) + 1)$, which implies that both paths p, q are not special.

For an arbitrary basic element $t \in B(\gamma)$, of degree 0 which is not a vertex, we have $g_w(n)^* t g_w(n) = 0$ for a sufficiently large n . Indeed, let $t = pq^*$, $l(p) = l(q) \geq 1$, $n = l(p)$. If $g_w(n)^* t g_w(n) \neq 0$ then either $p = q = g_w(n)$ or $l(g_w(n)) = r < n$ and $r(g_w(n))$ is a sink.

The first case is impossible since $g_w(n) g_w(n)^* \notin B(\gamma)$. If $l(g_w(n)) = r$, $1 \leq r < n$, then $g_w(n)^* p = q^* g_w(n)$ since the path $g_w(n)$ ends with a sink and therefore can not be a beginning of paths p, q . Finally, if w is a sink then it can not be the source of paths p, q . Hence, for a sufficiently large n we have $g_w(n)^* b g_w(n) = r(g_w(n)) + \sum \mu_{p,q} g_w(n)^* pq^* g_w(n)$. This expression is not equal to 0 by Lemma 6. In each summand $g_w(n)^* pq^* g_w(n)$ the special edges in p, q won't cancel. Denote $u = r(g_w(n))$. We have $0 \neq c = u + \sum \nu_{p,q} pq^* \in J_0$; $l(p) = l(q) \geq 1$, $sd(p) = sd(q) = n$, $r(p) = r(q)$, both p and q contain non special edges, $pq^* \in B(\gamma)$, for each summand.

Now, as we did above, consider $g_u(m)^* c g_u(m) = r(g_u(m)) + \sum \nu_{p,q} g_u(m)^* pq^* g_u(m)$ and $g_u(m) g_u(m)^* c g_u(m) g_u(m)^* = g_u(m) g_u(m)^* + \sum \nu_{p,q} pq^*$, where both p, q in each summand are continuations of $g_u(m)$. If $r(g_u(m))$ is a sink then $g_u(m)^* c g_u(m) = r(g_u(m)) = e_{r(g_u(m))} \in J$. If for any $m \geq 1$, $r(g_u(m))$ is not a sink then the sequence $\sum \nu_{p,q} pq^*$, where p, q are continuations of $g_u(m)$, converges to 0 as $m \rightarrow \infty$. This implies $e_u = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} g_u(m) g_u(m)^* \in J$, and completes the proof of Lemma. \square

Corollary 2. *The algebra $\widehat{L}(\Gamma)$ does not have non-zero closed graded nilpotent ideals.*

Lemma 24. *Let W be a minimal hereditary subset of V . Then the ideal $I(W)$ is generated (as an ideal) by all idempotents $e_w, w \in W$.*

Proof. If W consists of one sink w then $e_w = w$. Suppose therefore that the subset W does not contain sinks. Let J be the ideal of $\widehat{L}(\Gamma)$ generated by all idempotents $e_w, w \in W, J \subseteq I(W)$.

For a vertex $w \in W$ we have $e_w = w - \sum \{g_w(k)ee^*g_w(k)^* \mid k \geq 0, e \in \mathcal{E}(r(g_w(k)))\}$.

For arbitrary vertices $w, v \in W$, consider the operator $A_{w,v} : v\widehat{L}(r)v \rightarrow w\widehat{L}(r)w$,

$A_{w,v}(a) = \sum \{g_w(k)ea e^*g_w(k)^* \mid k \geq 0, e \in \mathcal{E}(r(g_w(k))), r(e) = v\}$. If the vertex v does not appear as range of some path $g_w(k)e, e \in \mathcal{E}(r(g_w(k)))$, then $A_{w,v} = 0$.

Let $W = \{w_1, \dots, w_r\}$. Consider the matrix $A = (A_{w_i, w_j})_{r \times r}$. Consider the r -tuples $\overline{w} = (w_1, \dots, w_r)^T$ and $\overline{e}_w = (e_{w_1}, \dots, e_{w_r})^T$. Then $\overline{e}_w = (I - A)\overline{w}$. We have $A^i \overline{w} \subseteq (V_{2i}, \dots, V_{2i})^T$, hence $A^i \overline{w} \rightarrow 0$ as $i \rightarrow \infty$. Now, $\overline{w} = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} A^i \overline{e}_w \in (J, \dots, J)^T$, which proves the Lemma. □

Corollary 3. *$\widehat{L}(\Gamma)$ is generated (as an ideal) by the set $\{e_w, e \in \bigcup_i W_i\}$*

Let $V = S_1 \dot{\cup} \dots \dot{\cup} S_m$ be all connected components of the graph $(V, \tilde{\gamma}(V))$. Let J_i be the closed ideal of $\widehat{L}(\Gamma)$ generated by the set $e_v, v \in S_i$.

Proposition 1. 1. $\widehat{L}(\Gamma) = J_1 \oplus \dots \oplus J_m$;
 2. each J_i is a (topologically) simple algebra;
 3. $I(W_i) = \bigoplus J_i$, the direct sum is taken over all J such that $S_J \cap W_i \neq \emptyset$.

Proof. The first assertion immediately follows from Lemma 21 and the corollary of Lemma 24. The second assertion follows from Lemma 23. The third assertion follows from Lemmas 21, 24, which finishes the proof of the Proposition. □

Remark that each component S_i intersects just one minimal hereditary subset W_i . Indeed, if $S_i \cap W_i \ni v$ and $S_i \cap W_j \ni w$, then by Lemma 20 the vertices v and w have a common descendant, which implies $i = j$. If $S_i \cap W_i = \emptyset$ for every i then by Lemma 21(2) we have $J_i \cdot id(e_v, v \in \bigcup_i W_i) = (0)$. However, Lemma 24 implies

that $id(e_v, v \in \bigcup_i W_i) = I(W_1) \oplus \cdots \oplus I(W_k) = \widehat{L}(\Gamma)$, a contradiction.

Now we will show that an arbitrary finite connected graph has a specialization in

which the decomposition of the Proposition 1(3) looks particularly nice.

If $\gamma : V \rightarrow E$ is a specialization of a graph Γ and W is a hereditary subset of V then the restriction of γ to W is a specialization of the graph $(W, E(W, W))$. We will denote this restriction as γ_W

Let W_1, \dots, W_k be the frame of the graph $\Gamma = (V, E)$. We call a specialization

$\gamma : V \rightarrow E$ regular if

- (1). There are finitely many special paths with all vertices lying in $V \setminus (\bigcup_i^k W_i)$,
- (2). Each graph (W_i, γ_{W_i}) is connected, $1 \leq i \leq k$.

Lemma 25. *An arbitrary finite graph Γ has a regular specialization.*

By the proof of Lemma 13 a arbitrary specializations of non-sink minimal hereditary subsets $\gamma_i : W_i \rightarrow E(W_i, W_i)$ can be extended to a specialization $\gamma : V \rightarrow E$ with the property (1). Hence, it remains to find regular specializations on graphs $(W_i, E(W_i, W_i))$, where W_i does not consist of one sink. We have already mentioned that each graph $(W_i, E(W_i, W_i))$ is strongly connected, that is every vertex of it is a descendant of every other vertex.

A graph (V, E) is called a tree if there exists a vertex $v_0 \in V$ such that an arbitrary vertex in V can be connected to v_0 by a unique path. An arbitrary strongly connected graph (V, E) has a spanning subtree (V, E') , $E' \subseteq E$ (see [BJG]). Let (W_i, E_i) be a spanning subtree of the graph $(W_i, E(W_i, W_i))$, $E_i \subseteq E(W_i, W_i)$. Let $w_i \in W_i$ be a such a vertex that an arbitrary vertex in W_i can be connected to w_i by a unique path in (W_i, E_i) .

If $w \in W_i, w \neq w_i$ then there exists a unique edge $e \in E_i$ such that $s(e) = w$. We

let $\gamma_i(w) = e$. The edge $\gamma_i(w_i)$ is chosen arbitrarily in $s^{-1}(w_i)$. It is easy to see that the graph (W_i, γ_i) is connected which finishes the proof of the Lemma.

Now the Proposition 1 implies

Proposition 2. *If γ is a regular specialization then each ideal $I(W_i)$ is a topological graded simple algebra.*

Corollary 4. *Let $L(\Gamma)$ be a prime Leavitt path algebra. Let γ be a regular specialization on Γ . Then $\widehat{L}(\Gamma)$ is topological graded simple.*

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